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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) GW WB
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE FRG AND BERLIN:
MILITARY PORTION

FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS REPEATED FOR INFORMATION:

QUOTE:
O 111446Z MAY 78
FM USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY
TO RUFHOL/AMEMB BONN GERMANY
INFO RUEKJCS/OJCS WASH DC
RUDORRA/USNMR SHAPE BELGIUM

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ECDC
PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, INFO LTG SMITH, BG DYKE, AND
COL SPICKA, FROM GEN HUYSER.
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO FRG (U)
A. AMEMBASSY BONN 101709Z MAY 78 (S) NOTAL
B. USCINCEUR 291825Z APR 78 (S) PASEP
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1. (S) APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT ITINERARY FORWARDED IN REF A. WE HAVE
CAREFULLY ANALYZED YOUR PROPOSAL AND FIND IT LESS DESIRABLE,
FROM THE MILITARY VIEWPOINT, THAN OUR ALTERNATIVE BRAVO
CONTAINED IN REF B, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

A. LESS TIME TO INTERACT WITH US TROOPS AND DEPENDENTS
(BONN PROPOSAL: TWO HOURS VS ALTERNATIVE

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BRAVO: THREE HOURS FIFTEEN MINUTES).

B. EXCESSIVE TRAVEL TIME (BONN PROPOSAL - ONE HOUR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES (INCLUDING ONE HOUR FIFTEEN MINUTES BY AUTOMOBILE) VERSUS ALTERNATIVE BRAVO: FIFTY-TWO MINUTES (ONLY TWENTY MINUTES BY AUTOMOBILE).

C. UNDESIRABLE FROM SECURITY AND LOGISTICS VIEWPOINT. MOTORCADE WOULD ENTAIL ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES (ROUND TRIP) OF EXPOSURE OVER A PREDICTABLE ROUTE TRAVERSING AT LEAST 4 CHOKE POINTS, 21 OVER/UNDERPASSES AND SEVERAL SECTIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

2. (S) THIS HEADQUARTERS AND OUR SERVICE COMPONENTS STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE REF B, ALTERNATIVE BRAVO WHICH IS RESTATED BELOW:

0730 DEPART RESIDENCE BY MOTORCADE
0800-0815 ENROUTE FROM BONN TO HAHN AB VIA AIR FORCE-1
0815-0945 VIEW STATIC DISPLAY OF USAF AIRCRAFT, POSSIBLY FRGAF AIRCRAFT, AND TALK WITH AIR AND GROUND CREWS. MEET WITH US MILITARY DEPENDENTS.
0945-0955 ENROUTE FINTHEN AAF VIA C-12
(AF-1 RELOCATES TO RHEIN-MAIN AB)

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0955-1005 ENROUTE WIESBADEN VIA MOTORCADE
1005-1035 VISIT WIESBADEN AS ARRANGED BY AMEMBASSY BONN AND FRG
1035-1045 ENROUTE HQ BDE 76 VIA MOTORCADE
1045-1150 OBSERVE TRAINING ON SUB-CALIBER AND DRY FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES. VIEW US AND FRG GROUND FORCE EQUIPMENT. MEET WITH US TROOPS AND DEPENDENTS
1150-1240 LUNCH WITH TROOPS
1240-1250 ENROUTE RHEIN-MAIN AB VIA UH-1N
1250-1330 ENROUTE BERLIN VIA AIR FORCE 1

3. (S) ALTHOUGH VERY SIMILAR TO YOUR PROPOSAL, OUR RECOMMENDED ITINERARY ACCRUES THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES, WHILE STILL RETAINING THE ESSENTIAL POLITICAL PURPOSE OF THE WIESBADEN VISIT:

A. INCREASES INTERACTION OF PRESIDENT WITH US MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE US MILITARY CAPABILITIES BY ONE HOUR AND 15 MIN.

B. FACILITATES SECURITY BY REDUCING OVERALL TRAVEL TIME

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BY 23 MINUTES AND AUTO EXPOSURE BY 55 MINUTES, AND INCORPORATING
A CONTINUOUS ONE-WAY MOVEMENT (BONN - HAHN - FINTHEN AAF-
WIESBADEN - BDE 76 - RHEIN-MAIN AB - BERLIN).

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